

EPA and Capital Region Water Consent Decree Negotiations

- On September 14, 2021, EPA and PADEP met with Capital Region Water (CRW) the wastewater authority in Harrisburg, PA to focus on the Consent Decree (CD) projects proposed in Appendix B.
- On October 5 and 8, 2021, CRW provided the underlying documents in support of Appendix B, a combination of collection system remedial and CSO reduction projects.
- Appendix B projects will increase the CSO capture rate from 52% to 83% by 2032. These projects will include, among other things, sewer separation from I-83, a joint CRW/PennDOT project which will convey stormwater from I-83 to the Paxton Creek, part of a \$100 million project cost investment by PennDOT which will help CRW meet the Paxton Creek TMDL.
- Once EPA and PADEP complete their review of all project documentation, they will determine if additional information is needed from CRW.
- EPA and PADEP (Litigation Team) have meetings on October 28 and November 1 to discuss the suite of deliverables.
- The Litigation Team hopes to schedule the next settlement meeting before Thanksgiving.
- Additional projects proposed include five phases of Green Infrastructure financed by a \$13 million loan from PennVest which should yield a 10-15% reduction of CSO overflows through GI by 2032; a schedule for CCTV work of the remaining 50% of the collection system; upgrades to the Harrisburg Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant; repairs of CSO regulators and outfall pipes; and repairs to the Spring Creek interceptor.